



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Betty Key

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 05:49 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

keyfamtou@hotmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Making it More and more difficult for families to have fun. Hotels are higher. Museums higher. Disneyland outrageous. Now the one cheap thing for lower income families to do is going to cost them over a hundred dollars just for three nights in the dirt. Let alone the ridiculous price of food. Great job Oregon...Not



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Commenter name (if provided):

Patricia Garringer

Date comment received:

July 9, 2024 05:56 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

tgarringer@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Portland , OR

Public comment:

For many of us, camping is an affordable way for us to get out and vacation close to home and keep our travel dollars within our own state. Raising rates is not going to help many who find camping an affordable option for many.

Instead - put more penalty on no shows and those who don't bother to cancel their sites so others have the option to book that site.

Keeping our travel dollars in this state helps our economy and our local businesses!



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Commenter name (if provided):

Madeline Doig

Date comment received:

July 10, 2024 08:15 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

There needs to be improvements.
Keeping trails maintained,
Keeping creek spots cleared and accessible,
Keeping bathrooms cleaned.
Whether it is the park hosts duty or another agency there should be better maintenance.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Mark DOTSON

Date comment received:

July 10, 2024 09:48 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

mcdotson@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

To Oregon State Parks,

My family is 7 generations oregonians.

I love my parks for camping mostly. We use the beach ones mostly. Our family favorite has always been Beverly Beach. Many years ago they added a tax to our registration of RV to pay for state parks. They also since have gone to a reservation system only via web. There is no preference given to the folks forced to pay for the parks through license fees. Now that we are retired we somehow don't have the right AI program to get us a spot at BBSP. The day it comes up at midnight, the spots are already gone in the first 20 seconds. My suggested fix for this is to only allow out of state driver's license holders to register 3 months in advance while residents can do the 6-9 months early. That would be fair. It would make some of the less desirable parks fill with out of staters.

The next real sore issue is that the people from wealth reserve a bunch of sites, in park or in multiple parks, and pick when they get there forfeiting the small reservation fee. Out of staters should pay the full amount of all sites they reserve and lose their money if they show up in one site and don't use the other. They do the same in the federal parks in Oregon. If it is required for them to reserve with their DL number and their tow vehicle plate, then at check in and out they couldn't easily cheat the system. Also this offense could make them be not allowed to reserve for two years in Oregon parks. We are tired of paying our Oregon license tax for parks I can't get to.

Thank you for high consideration on this topic,



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Commenter name (if provided):

Shelby Lynn

Date comment received:

July 10, 2024 10:09 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

sweetcherryspie@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Locals should not have to pay more to use their land. Fees have gotten so high that some tent spaces are almost 50\$ a night.

There's been little to no improvement to parks, and raising the prices is only going to keep more families away.

The homeless can live in our city parks for free, why are you pushing the working family folk away from the parks? We are the ones who respect the land. Take pay cuts from administration before raising the rates in our parks. Please.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Hugh Harbin

Date comment received:

July 10, 2024 12:22 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

hmharbin@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Glide, OR

Public comment:

Charging out of state users is normal in other states, and i agree with it.

what needs to happen though, is a senior discount to oregon residents. we are on fixed incomes, and inflation has impacted us in many ways.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Paul Lieberman

Date comment received:

July 10, 2024 05:51 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

lieb77@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Corvallis , OR

Public comment:

Oregon is known the world over to bicycle tourists as having the best hiker/biker sites. Many hundreds of cyclists ride the Oregon Coast each year. Pre-pandemic the hiker/biker sites were \$5, they are now \$8, still a bargain. However while some parks have been upgraded with lockers and usb charging ports, others remain quite primitive. No one will mind paying a few dollars more, but people will stop coming if the facilities are allowed to deteriorate, while services continue to decline.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Paul Lieberman

Date comment received:

July 10, 2024 06:02 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

lieb@orchardware.net

Location (if provided): Corvallis , OR

Public comment:

Seeing "campground full" signs on the Oregon Coast is a travesty. Having to make reservations months in advance is a crime. Not being able to just wander down the coast in my RV knowing I'll always have a place to camp is a shame. What I'm seeing is wealthy people reserving sites in advance and then not showing up. The spots remain empty. Last October Beachside SP was half empty but I could not camp there because the sites were reserved.

Please address this problem before raising rates. We must add capacity or build new parks so that no one is ever turned away, and we should make at least half the sites first come first serve. It should also be possible to track the no-shows and block repeat offenders from making further reservations.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Ron Bjork

Date comment received:

July 10, 2024 07:41 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

ronbjork421@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Albany, OR

Public comment:

So basically you want to increase rates without providing us any extra benefit on sites that cost you the least to maintain. No thanks. This is just a money grab by the state. Also you want to increase price for out of state campers, thus discouraging them from visiting your sites which will actually result in decreased revenue. Don't let greed guide your decisions, let common sense and fairness lead the way and for the love of god please stop increasing prices. We already have to pay ridiculous prices for everything else in our lives. Don't make it even harder for us to escape to nature!



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Commenter name (if provided):

Robert Smith

Date comment received:

July 11, 2024 06:52 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

jeeperbob@outlook.com

Location (if provided): Hermiston, OR

Public comment:

I am a life long Oregonian (74) and love our state . I feel we are giving our state away to out of state campers . Out of state campers pay no sales tax , in a few instances local room tax , but in general are freeloading on my taxes . Out of state campers should pay double the rate of Oregon residents . The proposed 25% increase is not enough , especially for the most popular parks .

When I try to get a camping spot on the Oregon coast It is impossible , all the spots have been booked .

Thank you

Robert Smith

1030 SW 17 th street

Hermiston , Oregon 97838



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Commenter name (if provided):

Leslie Seeberger

Date comment received:

July 12, 2024 07:09 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

muddymuleranch@yahoo.com

Location (if provided): Vernonia, OR

Public comment:

Do to extremely high inflation, young families find it very expensive to take the families camping. Elderly and those on a fixed income are also burdened by the extreme cost of camping. I vote an absolute no on increasing fees to Oregonians. A surcharge for out of state? I thought Oregon was pushing for tourism?
You want more money, then allow private companies to manage the parks, get the state out of park and recreation. We are paying pers (Oregon union) outrageous wages, and retirement. The state should offer bids to companies to keep the parks clean and to better serve the people. Everything Oregon State manages proves to be dysfunctional and extremely expensive.
Thank you for receiving my comments.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Danielle Kitchel

Date comment received:

July 12, 2024 02:34 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

danieglee@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Myrtle Creek, OR

Public comment:

I approve, but with one addition. Many years ago, some states kept a few sites at each park that were free. This was for people camping with children and you could only stay two days. I would love to see that implemented here. It would allow low income people with children to learn about the joys of camping in a safe, family friendly campground. So to be clear, each park would designate a few of these sites. They would not be reservable, but on a first come first served basis and would be for family camping only.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Hailey Klotz

Date comment received:

July 12, 2024 05:08 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

hailey.1996.k@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

I think it's insane for tent camping to be \$50 a night. You are taking away from families already struggling to feed their kids in this economy as inflation keeps rising, and now they can't even take their kids out to enjoy our local parks and rivers.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Michael Tucker

Date comment received:

July 12, 2024 07:01 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

natsolzy@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Grants Pass, OR

Public comment:

In this day and age, everything is increasing in price and employee wages are not raising in a cpmperable amount. Why is it getting more expensive for people to live and enjoy the land when our wages aren't raising in proportion. Raises to virtually every utility, Gasoline, groceries, are swallowing up raises and leaving us even more broke than before. We can barely afford our groceries for camping, let alone the camp spots themselves. I feel like a rate hike will only serve to increase the number of people camping in undeveloped spots; which will create more fire hazard, which could further destroy forests . Please leave the rates alone.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Zak Graham

Date comment received:

July 12, 2024 07:57 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Your fees are going up WAY too high too quickly. While the world is already getting insanely expensive, you want to gtub more money out of people who can barely afford to camp as it is. With food prices, we spent \$400+ on three nights with zero alcohol for 6 people, buying the cheapest items we could find. Now, while everything has exploded in price, you want to gouge people even more, so those with families won't be able to even camp. I've lived in this state all my life. This state used to promote families, but now it chases the almighty dollar. Sickens me actually.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Nicole Berg

Date comment received:

July 13, 2024 09:43 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

bergnicole@att.net

Location (if provided): Alameda, CA

Public comment:

If OR still wants to draw tourists & campers to their state, then don't raise camping fees. Thank you.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Paul Allen

Date comment received:

July 13, 2024 11:56 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

ptallen@lclark.edu

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

I support this change, especially expanding the out-of-state fee to cover all types of campsites.

I also think that fees for RVs and other large vehicles should be increased more than fees for tent users.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Suzanne Granahan

Date comment received:

July 13, 2024 12:33 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

suzannegrnahan@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Portland, OR

Public comment:

We had to leave Wallowa Lake state park last week at 7pm with no where to sleep that night because the smoke from individual camp fires at the park was sickening. My children were coughing and my eyes were burning. Please ban individual camp fires, have just a few communal fire pits, or charge a surcharge to campers who want to have an individual fire. Charge them \$100 a night to have a fire. Save the rest of our lungs from this harmful and unnecessary smoke. We will not be staying at any state parks again until the state does something about this.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Lorelei Vaughn

Date comment received:

July 13, 2024 03:19 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

loreleiwildcatphotography@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Walton, OR

Public comment:

So costly to camp. My family has been in the same Oregon county since 1883 at least, but I can't afford your campgrounds.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Donna Huelter

Date comment received:

July 13, 2024 04:10 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

Donhue55@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Rainier, OR

Public comment:

I am actually fine with a rate increase. What I'm not okay with is never being able to find a place to stay because everything is booked. I feel like there maybe should be a limit on number of reservations per year. I live 50 miles from the coast, and we can't just on the spur of the moment take off for fort Stevens for a weekend. I don't plan my trips a year in advance, I like to go by the weather, which is often iffy at the coast.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Corrie O'Brien

Date comment received:

July 13, 2024 08:23 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

corrieob@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Lebanon, OR

Public comment:

Please consider increasing the 25% surcharge on RV spots to 30% or more. As a long time Oregonian, there is nothing more frustrating than seeing our State Parks, especially on the coast, full of out of state license plates. These are our parks. Sure we appreciate the tourist dollars, but we also want to be able to enjoy our state parks. Please increase the out of state surcharge and drive some of these out of staters to private campgrounds. They can still enjoy the beaches and towns.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Brianna Comstockb

Date comment received:

July 13, 2024 08:33 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

comstockb85@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Anything over \$25 for a tent site or \$40 for a hookup/rv site seems out of reach for a large section of campers. It is already tough for people to get campsites with the influx of people using the services, by raising the price it is going to make it difficult for lower income people to access. The outdoors should not be only easily accessible to people of higher income levels. The cost of everything is increasing, and it makes sense to have room for growth, but the high end for tent/rv and hook-up sites seems unattainable for many people. Increasing rates for out of state campers seems reasonable since our state is becoming more of a destination. Increasing rates on yurts/cabins also seems reasonable as the upkeep for those spaces must be more labor intensive. Group sites and events spaces as well, as the cost can be spread out amongst guest, as well as clean up for those sites more intense for staff. Let's try and keep simple tent and rv sites in reach for the general public, and increase on more specialized spaces. Thank you.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Kim Merrill

Date comment received:

July 14, 2024 05:50 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

rkmerrill@msn.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Yes, even a few dollars would be beneficial. Our parks are beautiful and you need the funds to maintain them. People now a days don't respect nature so there is more maintenance.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Shelly Lomax

Date comment received:

July 14, 2024 08:51 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

ShellyLomax@msn.com

Location (if provided): Troutdale, OR

Public comment:

I am not in favor of the proposed rule change.. It raises the cap too much and allows for too much of an increase which could make camping unaffordable for many,

I also feel the proposed increases in the amenity rates (things like showers and extra vehicle rates) and group rates are too big a jump for those who use those things.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Angela Pyle

Date comment received:

July 14, 2024 08:57 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

angieland@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Sweet Home , OR

Public comment:

I think that charging 25% fee to out-of-state campers for any type of site is very helpful. I'm not sure if there are any more sites that are already charging days that can be charged to use but I think it would be useful to look at the numbers and see if there's maybe somewhere we can charge that is popular. Am I understanding it correctly that you just decided these rules in 2018 and implementing them in 2019 and you're already looking at changing them I'm guessing it's probably because there's a lot of inflation and increase in utilities. I am personally currently on a fixed income I am a gunshot survivor and I'm on SSDI and I like to take my small child to your parks for the only vacations that we can afford to go on. It is just me a single mother and my small child and we like to stay in the yurts because we feel safe there. We also really enjoy the cabins at Cape Lookout when we can get them in the winter. I personally cannot handle an increase in fees so I thought I should at least share my information and give you an example of a user. I have been visiting the same park in Oregon for camping for 40 years ever since I was a little girl growing up in Vancouver Washington. As of Washingtonian we all believed Oregon coast is much better than Washington and I think the 25% increase will be enough. I hope that helps



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Commenter name (if provided):

Mike Bishop

Date comment received:

July 14, 2024 09:00 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

mikebishop100k@gmail.com

Location (if provided): Wilsonville , OR

Public comment:

Perhaps using an already established State or federal program gets someone a discount?

For example, if I can show that the ACA is subsidizing my health insurance I get 25% off fees. Or maybe if someone is on Snap or Wik or State provided health insurance they get pay a lower fee.

Obviously something simple, and I get some may try to cheat, but just an idea.
Thanks for all you do.



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Commenter name (if provided):

James Sullins Sullins

Date comment received:

July 14, 2024 10:57 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

sullins1@comcast.net

Location (if provided): Aloha, OR

Public comment:

Please establish an OR Senior Discount for those of us living on SS fixed income. For example, the America The Beautiful Lifetime Senior Pass gives 50 pct discount for NPs and USFS campgrounds.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Phil Bentley

Date comment received:

July 14, 2024 09:18 PM

Commenter email (if provided):

pbentley@wvcs.org

Location (if provided): Salem, OR

Public comment:

I am willing to pay more as an Oregon resident as long as it has the possibility of creating more space. It is so difficult now to get a reserved spot because of overpopulation of campers since COVID. If higher prices reduces number of campers to create more availability I am willing to make that sacrifice



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Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Michelle Bach

Date comment received:

July 15, 2024 12:23 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

tiggeryou@hotmail.com

Location (if provided): Lake Oswego, OR

Public comment:

Please don't raise the camping rates. It is the only affordable activity we as a family can do and if the rates are raised, we won't have the money to go on any vacations. Let's keep camping accessible to everyone!



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Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Tom Mallen

Date comment received:

July 15, 2024 03:32 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

folksinger1949@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Please do not raise fees for Oregon residents. Make them show an Oregon ODL or your agency could tie into the Oregon Dept of Revenue etc to see if they paid taxes here last year and listed Oregon as their residence.

God bless our late governor Tom McCall for creating and protecting much of our beautiful camping areas, particularly, our beautiful ocean coastline.

But other state's governors failed to do that so every time I/we pull into a campground, all we see are license plates from Washington, then The Granola State of course, et al so we are forced to just go home. We, the Oregonians have and do pay through the nose for these campgrounds (through property taxes), yet when I go to camp, I'm met with an occupant who has paid nothing to build that campground and charged the same per night fee as I am, the guy who paid for it in the first place. And that occupant will use our other services such as medical and police plus empty (in some towns) our grocery store shelves. I've been there. Not cool.

When I was a kid here, camping was free. Then later a tent site went to \$2 per night and then now at \$33+, that's nuts considering all that I've already paid through taxes every year.

Next consider now where our country is likely going . We are going to need alternative places to live. Think about that.

Lower the fees for Oregon residents across the board and make the fees zero for Oregon residents over 65 (with length of stay requirements of course), then raise all of the fees necessary to all other campers to meet a balanced/even cashflow for your department which is what you want, right? I know it's what we want because it better pencil. No deficits. Charge enough fees to out of staters to breakeven or better. OK?? We have two great universities here in their math departments to help you with this if necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Mallen
Native Oregonian
Florence, Oregon



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Commenter name (if provided):

Henry Beals

Date comment received:

July 15, 2024 09:36 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

hank.1hunter@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

I am a native Oregonian and the rates have climbed just like everything else. But the lack of maintenance from the volunteers and the employees is not acceptable. I presently am staying in a sight for the week and someone shaved their dog in the sight and it was not cleaned up. The fire pit had garbage in it! The last week I stayed at a different campground that was privately operated and was in tip top shape, no complaints. I had checked out Fish lake and the fish cleaning station has been inoperable for the last three years. I checked into the matter and it was because the \$450 that it would cost to fix it was not wanted to be spent...

Like Parker Meadows campground was closed permanent because the did not want to fix the concrete leak in one of the out houses. Families had camped in that for years, sad desicion.

So what do I think of you raising the rates again? For what? You are not puting the money toward restoring or maintaining. So obviously I am against it. To properly operate you must put money back into the operation. Otherwise you will have complaints of the wear and tear of piping that is 50 or years old, the fire pits that are barely useable, toilets

that are always backed up, heaters in restrooms that are not functional. Always out of toilet paper. Cannot wash your hands. I would really like to read your response to this email and also read a list of what you need to raise the rates when so many families cannot even think of spending \$25 a night for a campsite. So they take their families to some wide spot in the road in the wilderness so their family can enjoy being out in our beautiful country.

Thank
you for your time and I hope you make a right decision.

Henry
Beals



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Commenter name (if provided):

Jill Stiffler

Date comment received:

July 15, 2024 09:38 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

citystiffs@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed camping fee increases for Oregon state parks. I am absolutely opposed to these fee hikes. We camp in a fifthwheel toyhauler. Inflation, over the past couple of years, has caused fuel prices to increase to unbelievable highs, thus causing everything else, groceries, etc., to increase. It's very hard to manage all of these cost of living increases and still try and afford to go camping. These fee increases for state park camping seem excessive and unwarranted. Camping is supposed to be a family event. I feel that these fee increases will cause undue hardship on families and discourage out of state campers, who will not be able to include camping fee increases into their already tight budgets.

Respectfully,

Jill
Stiffler



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Commenter name (if provided):

Linda Gay

Date comment received:

July 15, 2024 09:38 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

honey0118@msn.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

I oppose such an increase all it will do is force more people into disbursed camping areas and trash and filth. If you keep the parks affordable families can enjoy a safe location.

Thank
you,

Linda
Gay



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Commenter name (if provided):

Ron Havinear

Date comment received:

July 15, 2024 09:39 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

rchavniear@hotmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

It's tragic that the opportunities for Oregonians to enjoy our great natural resources has been taken over by revenueers and empire builders. People who camp in tents do so because they can't afford the luxury of motels on wheels. It's often the only kind of vacation they can afford. Unfortunately the people who use these resources are a minority and have had little to no voice. So here's my two cents worth because that is all the value that will be put on our opinions. It's not right to raise these rates.

Sincerely,

Ron Havniear

Sent from my iPad



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Commenter name (if provided):

Angela Panks

Date comment received:

July 15, 2024 09:40 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

panks_angela@outlook.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

I don't agree with this ridiculous rate hike, this is unnecessary and unacceptable. I wouldn't be able to afford to go camping with my family with this proposed rate increase, along with so many more of families.

Angela



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Commenter name (if provided):

Melissa Martin

Date comment received:

July 15, 2024 09:40 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

I would support the proposed rate changes ONLY if Oregonians are given a reservation window BEFORE opening it up to out of state campers.

As Oregonians we should be able to reserve spots at our state campgrounds earlier so we have a chance to get sites without competing against people from out of state. Even a month or 2 weeks would help Oregonians reserve and enjoy our state's camping sites.

Sent from my iPhone



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Commenter name (if provided):

Norm K

Date comment received:

July 15, 2024 09:42 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

normklein50@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

As a camper from Washington I wanted to write to your office regarding these fee increases.

I feel these are excessive and punishes in state and out of state campers.

I am a retired person who enjoys the Oregon coast, especially Ft Stevens, this would make it impossible for me to justify camping in Oregon. This would also have an economic impact on the surrounding areas with less money coming to the areas around State Parks.

Please reconsider these excessive fees and keep Oregon affordable to all, not just the most wealthy.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Tabitha Robustelli

Date comment received:

July 15, 2024 09:43 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

tabithaoct2012@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

As a resident in Oregon we pay taxes to help fund public parks and we don't have a sales tax. So our many visitors don't bear as much of the financial responsibility to enjoy our public parks although widely used by them. In the state of Hawaii to go to many state parks, residents pay a lower fee and a higher fee in is in place for out of state visitors, this seems like a good way to increase revenue without impacting our residents.

Best
Regards,

Tabitha
Robustelli



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Commenter name (if provided):

Loren and Diana -

Date comment received:

July 15, 2024 09:43 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

harmonizer4x4@aol.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

I agree with increasing out of state user's park fees, and also think state residents should be able to reserve their sites in advance of out of state visitors.



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Commenter name (if provided):

Don and Lori Hoffman

Date comment received:

July 15, 2024 09:44 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

donn0128@gmail.com

Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

We camp hosted for many years and really love our state parks. We also camped in then for close to 40 years. We love our parks, however we feel 7 dollar increase is a bit excessive. A 22 dollar top does need an increase, maybe to 25 dollars, then in a couple years bump it up again.

Don
and Lorri Hoffmann



Submit a public comment on a rule

Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

Commenter name (if provided):

Jedidah Mathews

Date comment received:

July 15, 2024 09:45 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Sent from my iPhone

I do not want to see this happen. Families are still struggling from the inflation that happened during and after the pandemic. Housing costs are through the roof. Utilities keep getting raised. Insurance rates keep going up Wages have not go up nearly enough yet to make up for it all. People need affordable and healthy outlets when it comes to recreation. These are public lands and turning them into something only the middle class and up can enjoy does not honor that fact. If you need to raise rates, raise them for out of state campers only.

Sincerely,

Jedidah Mathews



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Commenter name (if provided):

Toby Gue

Date comment received:

July 15, 2024 09:46 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

No new rates, parks are spendy enough just to visit.
Partly I deter from visiting them because of the fees for entry.

Camping used yo be fun now it's more expensive to pitch a tent than it is to rent a motel room.....

I'm on fixed income and cost is something that hinders me from enjoying freedoms....

Please consider those with little to no income when raising costs. It's easy to deter unwanted vagrants by increasing the cost, but there is no humanity or life if we cannot enjoy the outdoors and the health

benefits it offers to all.

Living has become too expensive.....

Thx

Toby Gue

Sent from my iPhone



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Commenter name (if provided):

Rhonda Young

Date comment received:

July 15, 2024 09:47 AM

Commenter email (if provided):

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Location (if provided): Shady Cove, OR

Public comment:

July
15, 2024

Only
thing I don't agree with is Cabins, especially the deluxe cabin. That's
what I use, because i'm handicapped.

I
think Disabled, Seniors, Should be able to use the Deluxe cabins at a much less
rate like 25 to 30 a night. I think that's way too much for low-income.
Seniors. And they're the ones that need to get out when they get a chance to do
it. And I just think it's only fair. Especially for seniors, if they have a
family member that's willing to take them someplace that they pay a lesser rate
so they can go. And so I'm proposing just a no higher than \$30 for all the
cabins. Especially at Deluxe, cause they need more. Seniors need more for the
night. And I think you would call that special circumstances for the disabled

and seniors.

Thank

you. I understand you need the fees. Some of the parks are absolutely beautiful and clean. And we appreciate you guys so much. Thank you very much.

Rhonda
Young

Shady Cove, Oregon



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Commenter name (if provided):

Corey Weidner

Date comment received:

July 15, 2024 09:48 AM

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Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

My wife and I are on a fixed \$\$ and we are older we have paid taxes for many years and we would like to see a reduction \$\$ for Oregon residents that are older we have lived in Oregon combined 130 years thank you for your help 🙏



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Commenter name (if provided):

Sherrie Smolen

Date comment received:

July 15, 2024 09:51 AM

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Location (if provided): , OR

Public comment:

Increase
the out of state campers only.